

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Cross-Reference To Related Applications section on page 1 of the specification with the following:

This application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation and claims the priority of co-pending application Serial No. 10/307,737, filed December 2, 2002, which is a continuation and claims the priority of application Serial No. 10/112,500, filed March 27, 2002, which claims the benefit of ~~co-pending~~ provisional application Serial No. 60/279,181, filed March 27, 2001 and entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASSIGNING POLYGON BUDGETS, RANGES AND OBJECT SIZES TO A SPATIAL HIERARCHY USING CUBE-ROOT ALTITUDE SCALING."